Ser./Pat. No.: 09/836, 213	File/Issue Date: APRIL 17, 2001
Applicant/Assignee(s): VOLTMER ET AL	Title: STM FOR NETLOOPING
Ser/Pat. No.: 09 836, 213  Applicant/Assignee(s):  OLTASE CT AL  Patent Application  Check No.  Drawings F; INF  Oath or Declaration  Small Entity Status Statement  Assignment w/Coversheet & Fo  Minfo. Disclosure Stmt & Found  Response to OA/Amendment  Marked items filed with the U.S.  THE OFFICIAL USA  Atty Docket No.: 4053, 366	Request for Petition: Other:  Patent & Trademark Office on: Other Standard Class Mail  ROOM STAMP AFFIXED HERETO  TECHNOLOGY  ROOM STAMP AFFIXED HERETO

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that this document is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: ()CT, 8, 2002

Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT** 

Applicant(s):

Voltmer et al.

Docket No.:

40655.3600

Serial No.:

09/836,213

Group Art Unit:

2162

Filed:

April 17, 2001

Examiner:

TBA

Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD

Confirmation No.:

6105

FOR NETWORKED LOYALTY PROGRAM

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## **Assistant Commissioner:**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R., §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. One copy of each cited document is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the foregoing references, alone or in combination. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

The items listed on Form PTO/SB/08A may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application.



Serial No.: 09/836,213 Docket No.: 40655.3600

Applicants reserve the right to dispute any of the listed documents as prior art during examination. Further, Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application. Furthermore, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information may exist.

searc	search has been made or that no other material information may exist.					
1.[]	that is	ach of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A is not in the English language, an English language translation of that item or item is item or item or item is sed:				
2.[]	not er or sub Division	opy of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A that is aclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by smitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior [ ] Continuation, [ ] conal or [ ] Continuation-In-Part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, U.S. No, filed				
3. [ ]		e is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement it is being filed in compliance with:				
	[]	37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application.				
	[]	37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application.				
	[]	37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.				
Λ LX.	INo fed	e is due under 37 C.F.R. 81 17(n) for this Information Disclosure Statement				

- 4. [X] No fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 3 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance (where there has been no prior final action), and is accompanied by one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 8 below.
- 5. [ ] A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 3 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance (where there has been no prior final action):

Serial No.: 09/836,213

		Docket No.: 40655.3600
•	[]	A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee.
	[]	Charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
6. [ ]	since of a fi	is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mailing date nal action or a notice of allowance, whichever comes first, but before ent of the issue fee, and is accompanied by:
	a.	one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 8 below; and
	b.	the attached petition requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement; and
	C.	the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 9 below.
7.[]	A fee since	is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement it is being filed in compliance with:
	a. []	37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue;
	b. []	37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue.
	C.	The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is paid as set forth in paragraph 9 below.
в. [X	Disclo	by certify that each item of information contained in this Information sure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office ounterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing Information Disclosure Statement.
гэ	l horo	by certify that no item of information in the Information Disclosure

Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Serial No.: 09/836,213 Docket No.: 40655.3600

9. [ ] A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

- [ ] Charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- [X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

Snell & Wilmer

Howard I. Sobelman Registration No. 39,038

Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.
One Arizona Center
400 E. Van Buren
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2202

(602) 382-6228

(602) 382-6070 Telecopier

U.S. Patent and Tradel

for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031 Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known		
				Application Number	09/836,213	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			CLOSURE	Filing Date	April 17, 2001	
			PLICANT	First Named Inventor	Theodore S. Voltmer	
				Art Unit	2162	
(use as many sheets as necessary)			ecessary)	Examiner Name	TBA	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	40655.3600	

			U.S, PAT	ENT DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Number Kind Code	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US20020062253A1	05-23-2002	Dosh, Jr. et al.	
		US20020082918A1	06-2702002	Warwick	
		US-20020082920A1	06-27-2002	Austin et al.	
		US-			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
i		Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Tβ
		EP	0 308 224	A2	03-22-1989	Burton		
	·							
								$oldsymbol{ol}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$
						<u> </u>		-
		<u> </u>						—
_		-					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<del> </del>
		-						+-
		$\vdash$						+
		$\vdash$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					1

Examiner	Date
Signature	Considered

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <u>www.uspto.gov</u> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.



<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.